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SUBJECT: UNICEF: LABOUISSSE REPLACEMENT

1. AT A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER, SWEDISH AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER PULLED ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE MAYNES ASIDE TO STATE THAT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS HE WAS ASKING THE UNITED STATES TO STEP ASIDE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE SWEDISH CANDIDATE, ERNST MICHANEK, TO REPLACE LABOUISSSE AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER STATED THAT UNICEF ENJOYED SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT IN SWEDEN, WHICH NOW WAS THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ORGANIZATION. HE HOPED THE U.S. WOULD AGREE THAT AN AMERICAN SHOULD NOT HOLD THE TOP POST IN ONE AGENCY FOREVER.

2. MAYNES INFORMED AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER THAT WHILE THE U.S. RECOGNIZED THE QUALITIES OF SWEDISH CANDIDATE, WE FELT
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IT-EXIREMELY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF MAINTAINING CONGRESSIONAL SPPOORT FOR ITERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE RETAIN THE TOP POST IN UNICEF, A NEW YORK-BASED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. MAYNES REPORTED THAT BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAD RAISED THE ISSUE OF LABOUISSSE'S REPLACEMENT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. WE HAD A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB WHO WAS

IN THE LAST STAGES OF RECEIVING WHITE HOUSE CLEARANCE.

3. AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER STATED HE UNDERSTOOD OUR
POSITION AND HOPED WE UNDERSTOOD SWEDEN'S. HE STATED THAT
SWEDEN WOULD LOBBY VERY HARD FOR THIS POSITION IN CAPITALS.

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